



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 26, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Swinging Stars has planned a bus trip to Tool, TX on Saturday, May 6th to attend the Log Cabin Swinger's 42nd Anniversary Dance. Our own Wayne Baldwin is calling and Walter Brewer is cueing rounds. This is a joint venture with the Texas Reelers so we will be sharing the bus, which should lead to all sorts of fun. The bus will leave from the DART transit center in Richardson at Arapaho and Greenville at 5 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Early Rounds are from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM with Mainstream and Plus tips from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. We hope to have some games, a sing-along and the after party all on the bus so the miles will just fly away amidst all this fun! The first 11 couples (or 22 people) are guaranteed a place on the bus and after that we work with the Reelers to accommodate those who wish to attend the dance. The cost for all this fun is only \$24.00 a person which includes the bus ride, the driver's tip, entry into the dance and the dinner the Log Cabin Swingers are serving. We should be back to our starting place at the DART transit center in Richardson sometime around 11 PM. Russ and I will have a sign-up sheet at our next club dance on Friday, March 17th and we will accept checks payable to Bill Dick, the Texas Reeler who is arranging this trip.

Thank you to the refreshment committee on Friday night who did such a wonderful job decorating and providing food to reflect the theme of the dance. Russ and I heard many comments from visitors and club members commenting on what a great job the committee did to make this dance a success.

Happy Mardi Gras!

Russ and Anne

Announcements

42nd Anniversary Dance:

The Swinging Stars 42nd Anniversary Dance is on Friday, March 31, 2017 at All Saints Catholic Church. Our Dance Chairperson, Lorraine Burson (lorraine@bursons.us), will have sign-up sheets at the next few club dances. She really needs your help with salads and desserts as well as the labor involved in setting up, serving, busing tables, selling tickets and a plethora of other duties to make this dance a success. Please be sure to check the sheets to see where your help is most needed. Remember, the entire club is responsible for cleanup.

Lessons Update:

We are still in need of angels and would like another 4 couples so we can add a 5th square to spread out the students more. We want to thank all those who have been showing up to angel (B. Perrot, Estep, C. Wolfe, Colter, Mulvin, Mosher, Bergesen, Stuart, T. Evanto, D. Rhinehart, Feldman, Hamm, H. Kilejian, and See). Please consider attending lessons as an angel which are held on Tuesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. We really need the help.

Round Dance Lessons:

Linda and JL Pelton will be starting a new beginning Jive class on Tuesday, March 21st at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. Lessons are 8 weeks long and are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jive is also called triple swing or what you might have called jitterbug. This two-hour class gives you plenty of time to practice (and catch your breath as there be will be frequent breaks) and, just like square dancing, it's practice that makes you a good dancer.

If you are interested in Round Dancing this is an excellent class to start your journey into the fun world of rounds. And if you already know another rhythm, it's much easier to learn a new one. Registration is open. The Class ID # is 187431.

Linda and JL want to be sure Swinging Stars have a chance to sign up if they want to take this class. There are a lot of Kissin Kuzzins planning to take the class too so will be a fun group.

Update on John Smith:

John Smith was a long time member of our club. He is currently living with his son and is on hospice. He is not mobile and is eating very little. Mary Hardin has visited him and he is eager as always to go dancing, but the body isn't willing. John turned 91 on February 21st. Anyone wishing to send him a birthday card and mail it to the address below:

John H Smith
% Steve Smith

1943 ACR 318
Frankston TX 75763

John and his family thank all the Stars who sent him get well cards earlier.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, February 28th – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

Tuesday, February 28th – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:30 PM

Friday, March 3rd – Texas Reeler's Black and White Ball – Deborah-Carroll Jones & Jon Jones and Chris Farabaugh

Sunday, March 5th – Ghost Riders Square Dance Band in Fort Worth – Paul Cote and the Ghost Riders and 3 Joneses

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Bob and Terri Pitts

We hope you had a great week dancing and we hope to see you in a square soon!

It is not required, but you are welcome to send a BRIEF write up on visitations we personally don't attend for inclusion in our report. Make sure to get it to us before noon Sunday to include in the newsletter.

Club Visitations

NORTEX Crazy Cookie Dance, 19Feb17 – Thank you to the 9 Swinging Stars who attended this lessons benefit dance last Sunday at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth. Bobby Willis and Ray Savell called the fun tips and Chris Farabaugh cued the rounds. Thanks to those who donated their time in the kitchen making cookies, gave entry and cookie voting donations, and made the trek to Fort Worth to attend. Overall NORTEX attendance was very light at this benefit dance and we are guessing perhaps folks thought it would rain during the dance or on the way home, but thankfully it held off until much later.

A2 Weekend Dance, 17-19Feb – >50 square dancers participated in the annual A2 level dance weekend, expertly called by Tim Ploch from the Houston area (Bob Baier did not attend due to medical reasons). There were more than 8 hours of fun filled and challenging A2 level dances. A 1.5 hour workshop provided a deep dive into some of the A1-A2 calls and concepts. And there was another hour of C1 level dance tips. The delicious barbecue lunch at the dance hall on Saturday was prepared by some of the dancers from the Houston area. The Saturday night after party and Sunday morning continental breakfast gave us more time for fellowship and fun. Thanks to Tom Evanto for the report.

Tri-City Promenaders, 25Feb17 – 36 visitors joined 31 hospitable Tri-City Promenaders for a fun filled evening. The turnout was larger than expected considering several regular visitors were attending the out-of-town square/round dance weekend, a square dance cruise, and a round dance weekend. The evening included early rounds, a square dance workshop, square dance tips (one with plus level movements), rounds in between square dance tips, lots of food, and fellowship with the friendly hosts. Mike Bramlett called brilliantly on short notice while club caller Paul Kinsey deals with a medical condition. The very capable Chris Farabaugh cued the rounds. Attending Swinging Stars couple: Evanto. Thanks to Tom Evanto for the report.

Paris Texas Stampede, 24-26 Feb17 - At Texas Stampede 2017, 9 Swinging Stars experienced a great weekend of light-to-moderate DBD Plus square dancing to premier callers Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine ... and of varied and balanced round dancing to master cuer Christine Hixson. These Stars, plus 8 friends from other NORTEX clubs, also enjoyed Saturday dinner together at Paris' "Fish Fry" restaurant. SS visitors present this weekend were P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Pharrs, and Sees. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the update.

NTCA Club 50 Dance & Seminar, 26, Feb17-6 Swinging Stars participated in NTCA's "Club 50" seminar and dance on Sunday afternoon 26 February in Irving, TX. Legendary caller, Jerry Story, explained how the Club 50 approach can allow us to rebuild square dancing's popularity and make it sustainable ... something we all want. As Jerry then called numerous Club 50 level tips, we all experienced firsthand how challenging and fulfilling GOOD Club 50 calling can be. Bravo! Swinging Stars attending were P. Amy, Bondis, M. Hardin, and Nestors. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the report.

Banner Status

Our current Swinging Star banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home another one.

Other Clubs' Banners Held by the Swinging Stars		Swinging Stars' Banners Held by Other Clubs	
Club	Date Captured	Club	Date Captured
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015	Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015		
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015		
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016		
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016		
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016		
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016		
Kissin' Kuzzins	03-Feb-2017		
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Swinging Stars Dance Classes

Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

Date: Tuesdays 31 January thru 25 April
Instructor: Wayne Baldwin
Time: 7:15PM-9:15PM
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

Bolero Round Dance Lessons

Date: Tuesdays 31 January thru 28 February
Instructors: J.L. & Linda Pelton
Time: 7:30PM-9:30PM
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

Coming Events

Texas Reelers – Black & White Ball

Date: Friday, 03Mar17
Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 7:30PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson TX
Attire: Black & White

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Date: Friday, 10Mar17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: 7:00PM squares work shop, 7:45PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Diamond Jubileers 56th Anniversary – Mardi Gras Celebration

Date: Saturday, 11Mar17
Callers: Paul Kinsey, Jon Jones, and Ray Savell
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX
Attire: Purple or Mardi Gras colors

Kissin' Kuzzins 44th Anniversary (OFFICIAL) – Blarney Blast

Date: Friday, 17Mar17
Caller: Ray Savell and Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Senior Activity Center
600 Avenue A, Garland, TX
Attire: Shade of green (it is on the day...)

Rebel Rousers – Pot of Gold

Date: Saturday, 18Mar17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:30PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson TX

Stone Steppers 59th Anniversary (OFFICIAL) – Spring Celebration (our dance is cancelled!)

Date: Friday, 24Mar17
Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: 7:30PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Hazel Goodbar Rec Center
3000 Concord Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150

Cotton Pickin' Squares 23rd Anniversary (OFFICIAL) – Annual Picnic in the Cotton Patch

Date: Saturday, 25Mar17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: L-3 Recreation Hall
10001 Jack Finney, Greenville, TX

Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance!!! – Dancing with the Stars – 5th Friday of March

Date: Friday, 31Mar17
Callers: Guest Paul Cote and Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: All Saints Catholic Church
5231 Meadowcreek Drive, Dallas, TX
Attire: Dressy/fancy or decorated with Stars (square or round dance attire)

Special and Weekend Dances (that don't conflict with Swinging Stars dances)

Louisiana State Square Dance Festival

Date: 2-4Mar17
Callers: Paul Cote and the Ghost Riders and Louisiana callers
Location: Castine Center at Pelican Park
63350 Pelican Blvd, Mandeville, LA 70448
Flyer: <http://www.ozonesquares.com/convention-2017>

Ghost Riders Square Dance Band in Fort Worth

Date: 05Mar17
Callers: Paul Cote and the Ghost Riders and the 3 Joneses
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX
Notes: Advanced Tickets: \$10 each (Jones-pg. 22 Promenade) or \$15 at the door
See March Promenade pp.9 for details

Mardi Gras Madness – All Plus Weekend

Date: 3-5Mar17
Callers: Mike Bramlett and Wade Driver
Location: Promenade Hall
1210 N. Tool Dr. (Highway 274), Tool, TX
Notes: See March Promenade pp.5 for schedule and prices

Jerry Story Swing into Spring – All Plus Weekend

Date: 7-9 Apr17
Caller: Jerry Story
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Location: Promenade Hall
1210 N. Tool Dr. (Highway 274), Tool, TX
Notes: See March Promenade pp.22 for details

Upcoming Activity - Other

Ladies Luncheon Café De France Restaurant – Wed., 15Mar17

The March Ladies Luncheon will be at the Café De France located at 17370 Preston Road Dallas. On Wed. March 15th. Mary Ann Starrett is the hostess for this luncheon. Mary Ann says Cafe De France Restaurant is easy to get to and that it is almost in Plano. To check out their menu please go to www.cafedefrancerestaurant.com and click on menu. Please reply to Mary Ann Starrett fmstar@swbell.net or 214-387-4799 by Monday, March 13th to make your reservation for the luncheon. Hope to see you all there.

Refreshments Duty and Information

Karen Hawkins has assumed the role of refreshment duty scheduler. If you know you are going out of town or scheduled for a surgery or have some other conflict like a grandchild's piano recital, please let Karen (markt.karenl@gmail.com) know well in advance so she can make sure she has not scheduled you for those dates. Once you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to trade with someone on one of the other teams. Karen tries to schedule several weeks in advance so be sure to read the entire newsletter to see if you scheduled. Teams are responsible for ice and 5 tablecloths which may be purchased at any dollar store. If you need any supplies, contact Jan Bergeson (janbergesen@gmail.com). Everyone should be aware that we have lost some members and several have changed their status to Associates. As a result of this, you may notice refreshment duty will around sooner than it used to so you may be on the refreshment team three or four times a year.

March 10 - **Rickets**, Colter, McGuire, Duncan

March 31 - Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance – Everyone brings refreshments

April 14 - **Heinz**, Hardin, Pharr, See

April 28 - **Kern**, Duncan, Covington, Jung
May 12 - **Lee**, Burson, Amy, Reid
May 26 - **Jimison**, Kilejian, Feldman, Bivins

Important dates for this year (you should have these on your calendar!):

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

July 29, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance - Wayne's 50th Anniversary as a square dance caller

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at llhamm45@gmail.com or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Russ & Anne Nejd

Swinging Stars Presidents

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

Swinging Stars

42nd Anniversary Dance

dancing
with the stars



Caller
Wayne Baldwin



Guest Caller
Paul Cote



Cues
Walter and Eula Brewer

Friday, March 31, 2017

All Saints Catholic Church
5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas



Early Rounds 7:00
Grand March 8:00

Dancing in the Fellowship Hall for Better Acoustics
Salad Supper With Desserts in the Gym
Evening or Square Dance Attire

Quilt Raffle

Honey Pot

Money Raffle

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

For info: or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org



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